

**PASSPORT FILES PRIVACY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to passport files, focusing on privacy protection for all Americans, after receiving testimony from Harold W. Geisel, Acting Inspector General, and Mark W. Duda, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, both of the Office of Inspector General, Department of State; and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information

Center, Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Alan Charles Raul, Sidley Austin LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 29 public bills, H.R. 6452–6480; and 10 resolutions, H. Res. 1329–1338 were introduced. **Pages H6405–07**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6407–08**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3999, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, and to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System (H. Rept. 110–750);

H.R. 2490, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–751);

H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–752);

H.R. 5464, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children (H. Rept. 110–753);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5959, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 110–665, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 3036, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–754). **Page H6405**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6345**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Major Matthew P. Franke, Chaplain, United States Air Force. **Page H6345**

**Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3121, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H6355–63, H6377–78**

Agreed to the Neugebauer motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 485. **Page H6377**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Frank (MA), Kanjorski, Waters, Watt, Clay, Klein (FL), Mahoney (FL), Bachus, Biggert, Capito, Garrett (NJ), and Price (GA). **Page H6378**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sec. 302 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dingell, Boucher, and Barton (TX). **Page H6378**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 7 and 22 of the House bill, and secs. 107, 119, and 301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Braley (IA), and Graves. **Page H6378**

For consideration of secs. 7 and 35 of the House bill, and sec. 128 of the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Representative Taylor. **Page H6378**

**Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act:** The House passed H.R. 1286, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, by a recorded vote of 345 ayes to 69 noes, Roll No. 484. **Pages H6349–55, H6363–77**

A point of order was sustained against the first Fallin motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment. **Pages H6374–75**

Rejected the second Fallin motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 483. **Pages H6375–76**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–744, shall be considered an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H6371**

Accepted:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–744) that amends the language in the bill prohibiting the use of eminent domain by the Federal government to specifically prohibit the Federal government from acquiring, for the trail, from State or local governments, land acquired by a State or local government through its own use of eminent domain and **Pages H6371–72**

Pearce amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–744) that requires the Secretary to complete and submit to Congress a report on the energy resources included in the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 482). **Pages H6372–73**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H6378**

H. Res. 1317, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 481, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 480. **Pages H6363–64**

**Order of Procedure:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as

adopted in the form considered by the House on Wednesday, July 9th:

*Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and honoring her contributions to the space program and to science education:* H. Res. 1313, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and to honor her contributions to the space program and to science education and

*Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration:* H. Res. 1315, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**Providing for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern:** The House passed by unanimous consent S. 2967, to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H6378–80**

**Honoring the life of Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., distinguished former Senator from North Carolina:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1325, to honor the life of Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., distinguished former Senator from North Carolina. **Page H6380**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 14th for morning hour debate. **Pages H6383, H6403**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 16th. **Page H6384**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Kucinich announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H6384–86**

**Supplemental Report:** Agreed that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5959, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page H6387**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6363–64, H6364,

H6373, H6376, H6376–77 and H6377. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Continued hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### **CFTC**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the CFTC. Testimony was heard from Walter L. Lukken, Acting Chairman, CFTC; and public witnesses.

### **ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ATTACK THREAT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on threat posed by Electromagnetic Pulse Attack. Testimony was heard from William R. Graham, Chair, Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack.

### **AIR FORCE AERIAL REFUELING TANKER REPLACEMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the source selection and path forward regarding the Air Force KC–(X) Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Daniel Gordon, Deputy General Counsel; and Michael Golden, Managing Associate General Counsel, Procurement Law Division; and John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense.

### **PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held an oversight and status hearing of POW–MIA activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RADM Donna L. Crisp, USN, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; and Charles A. Ray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/Missing Personnel Affairs.

### **CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE EARLY DEPLOYMENT ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on H.R.

6258, Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act. Testimony was heard from James Y. Kerr II, Commissioner, Utilities Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

### **FINANCIAL MARKETS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets.” Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT POLITICIZATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Politicization of the Justice Department and Allegations of Selective Prosecution. Karl Rove, former White House Deputy Chief of Staff, refused to appear to answer questions in accordance with his obligations under the subpoena served on him on May 22, 2008, based on claims of Executive Privilege.

The Chair ruled that those claims are not legally valid and that Mr. Rove is required pursuant to the subpoena to be present at this hearing and to answer questions or to assert privilege with respect to specific questions.

### **IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENTS; PRIVATE RELIEF MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children.

The Subcommittee also approved private relief measures.

### **GLOBAL BIRD POPULATION DECLINE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing entitled “Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations.” Testimony was heard from Paul R. Schmidt, Assistant Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; David Erickson, Assistant Director, Department of Conservation, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of